I

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and then took their seats :—

M.R.Ry. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI Garu.
„ Rao Sahib BADETI VENKATARAMAYYA NAYUDU Garu.
„ N. SRINIVASA RAO Avargal.
„ G. LAKSHMANA REDDI Garu.
„ M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR Avargal.
The RAJA OF PARLAKIMEDI.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
„ T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR Avargal.
„ P. BHOOSHAYYA CHOWDARI Garu.
„ M. NARASIMHA RAO Garu.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Government Houses

Use made of the Government House and other buildings at Guindy.

*1434 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what uses are made of the Government House and the bungalows and other buildings in the compound of the Government House at Guindy ;

(b) which of them are used by His Excellency the Governor and his staff and when and for what periods during the Madras season ;

(c) which of the buildings have been leased to officials or non-officials during the year 1928–29 and this year ;

(d) what is the rent recovered during the year 1928–29 and up to date in 1929–30 ;

(e) how many of the bungalows have not been used or leased in the years 1928–29 and 1929–30 ;

(f) if there are a number of bungalows not used or not leased for a long period, whether Government propose to utilize them for some public purpose or public institution ; and

(g) whether it is a fact that an aided educational institution offered to purchase the whole or part of the Guindy Government House grounds and that the offer was refused and, if so, why ?

A.—(a) Government House, Guindy, is used as a week-end residence and for occasional entertainments by His Excellency the Governor. Four staff buildings are rented to Government officials and the rent credited to Provincial funds.

(b) Only the main building is being used as above by His Excellency and his staff.

(c) The four staff bungalows.

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(*d*) The rent collected during 1928–29 and to end of December 1929 in 1929–30 for the four staff bungalows is as follows :—

	1928-29.			1929-30.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Surgeon's bungalow ...	1,492	4	0	1,233	0	0
Aide-de Camp's bungalow.	619	9	0	450	0	0
Assistant Surgeon's quarters	220	0	0	254	13	0
Military Secretary's bungalow	3,972	0	0	2,991	0	0

(*e*) None.
(*f*) The question does not arise.
(*g*) No such offer was made to the Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal before the Government to hand over the Government House and the staff residences within the City of Madras to the Government to be utilized for public purposes ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is a fit subject for a resolution ; hence it cannot be admitted as a supplementary question."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are any other bungalows which can be rented to officials and non-officials, besides those mentioned in the answer ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Police

Alleged searching by the police of a student's house in Madura.

*1435 *Q*.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the house of a student of the fourth year class, Madura College, was searched by the police on the 3rd instant ;

(*b*) whether the books taken away by the police at this search were only such as are being publicly sold by booksellers and the letters taken away were from Mr. Fenner Brockway, M.P., and from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru ;

(*c*) whether the District Superintendent of Police questioned the student whether he possessed a copy of Satyabhakta's Communist Manifesto ;

(*d*) whether this student is the Secretary of the Youth League and also of the Jatindas Memorial Fund, Madura ;

(*e*) whether these associations are among the 'prohibited' or among those marked out by Government for suppression ; and

(*f*) if not, who authorized the District Superintendent of Police, Madura, to persecute the Secretary of these two associations ?

A.—(*a*) The house of a student named S. Rangarajan was searched on January 3rd.

(*b*) No ; the literary matter seized included literature proscribed by the Government of India.